

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 94

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Salome Smith Batts Sanders on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sanders will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 17th, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Salome Sanders was born and raised in the Cheatham County community of Lockertsville; and

WHEREAS, learning the importance of education at an early age, Mrs. Sanders attended the Walter Valley School in Lockertsville and then graduated with the Class of 1928 from Central High School in Cheatham County; and

WHEREAS, at the age of nineteen, Salome Sanders began her teaching career while attending the Murfreesboro Teachers College, now known as Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, after marrying H. F. Batts, Sr., in 1931, she relocated to Jacksonville, Florida; later, with her growing family, she moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where Mr. Batts was employed with the Atomic Energy Plant until his untimely death in 1945; and

WHEREAS, after fourteen years of marriage, Salome Sanders, with five children and expecting her sixth, returned to Cheatham County to resume her studies in education and return to her teaching career; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Salome Sanders married Bryant Sanders; and

WHEREAS, as an educator, Mrs. Sanders taught with acumen and alacrity, earning the admiration of her colleagues and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work until her retirement in 1974; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community who always worked to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens, Mrs. Sanders volunteered in several civic and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a devoted member of Cheap Hill Church of Christ, Salome Sanders is known for her solid Christian belief, her service and love, and her role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of Cheatham County; and

WHEREAS, as she enters her eleventh decade, Salome Sanders possesses a vitality and a zest for life that is extraordinary for a person of any age, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits, and enjoying visits from her many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Salome Smith Batts Sanders on the celebration of her 100th birthday, celebrate her long and storied life, and extend to her our best wishes and many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.